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Sri C. V. K. Rao :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the Union Food Minister, the Hon. Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, is now paying a visit to this State for a second time in recent months to impress on the State Government the gravity of the food situation which this Government is ignoring to tackle properly and why is it that the Government have not taken steps to enforce the order of controlling foodgrain dealers in order to check the rise in prices of foodstuffs, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" Too many assumptions and presumptions have been made and they are all wrong. It is not a fact that the Union Food Minister came over here for the purpose of impressing on this Government something which we are ignoring. He came here generally to discuss the food situation and to find the food requirements here for the next year. Therefore the assumption that he came here for some other purpose is quite wrong."

Sri N. Sivarami Reddi :—" కడపలో జిల్లా కలక్టర్లు సమావేశమై worst famine affected areas కు, Famine Code వర్తింప చేయాలని చేసిన సూచనను ప్రభుత్వంవారు అమలుజరుపుతారా ? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" Sir, now as a policy we are not applying the Famine Code, because it is considered a little bit out-of-date, but we are giving relief to famine affected areas in all possible ways."

Sri S. Thinakarasami Thevar :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Madurai as regards supply of foodstuffs to needy taluks?"

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" We have received reports from all Collectors, including the Madurai Collector."

Boring sets in the Government department.

* 315 *Q.*—Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boring sets available in the department; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to increase the number of boring sets, so as to provide one set for every taluk?"

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" (*a*) One hundred and seventy-eight handboring sets, 14 steam engine driven drills and 25 diesel engine driven drills including one rotary drill are available in the department.

" (*b*) Government have recently sanctioned the manufacture of 50 additional handboring sets and the purchase of 12 more diesel engine driven drills. With the addition of these the number of boring sets will be equal to the number of taluks, though their actual distribution will be in areas where they will be most useful."

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SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know, Sir, the cost of the boring sets? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The 40 handboring sets cost us Rs. 2,80,000; 50 additional handboring sets cost us Rs. 3,75,000 and the 12 additional power drills cost us Rs. 13,10,000."

Postponement of collections under the Agriculturists Loans Act in South Arcot.

* 316 *Q.*—SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there are any proposals before the Government to postpone collections under the Agriculturists Loans Act, to the next fasli year on account of failure of monsoon in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No such proposals are under the consideration of the Government at present."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" பருவ மழை தவறி இருக்கிற காரணத்தாலும், தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் கோரப் பஞ்சம் தலை விரித்தாடுகிற காரணத்தாலும், விவசாயக் கடன் நிவாரணம் அளிக்க வேண்டியது சர்க்கார் கடமையல்லவா."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, according to the Madras Land Improvements and Agriculturists Loans Act general rules for collections of loan instalments may be suspended, whenever suspensions of land revenue are granted on a large scale over a wide area and the Collector is aware of this fact. We are awaiting reports about that."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" సౌత్ ఆర్కాట్ జిల్లాలో Land Remission గ్రాంటు చేశారు. అయినట్లయితే దానిని పూర్తిగా అమలుజరిపారా? రైతులవద్దనుంచి land revenue ను వసూలు చేయటానికి ప్రభుత్వోద్యోగులు ప్రయత్నించారా? పంటలు పోయిన రైతులకు యీమాత్రం సహాయము చేయుటకు నిరాకరిస్తున్నారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The time for remission has not yet matured. It matures in the month of January."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the famine conditions prevailing throughout the State, will the Government consider the question of declaring a moratorium in regard to loans to agriculturists in general? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are not thinking of moratorium or mortality just now, Sir."

SRI O. A. NANJAPPA :—" Sir, I want to put some questions relating to Salem district."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question relates to South Arcot district. The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."